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Dr. Jane Henry Commissioner of FDA 5600 Fishers Lane Room 14-71 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henry,

I am very concerned about the proliferation of genetically altered foods being sold in our supermarkets with no identifying labels. In addition to having very little research about the effects on our health, there is more evidence that it creates a great risk to our environment. It has already been shown that the **Bt** corn is creating pollen that is toxic to monarch butterflies and other beneficial insects, which eat other pests. There is also the growing concern of an emergence of Bt resistant insects. At the very least, genetically altered foods should be labeled so that consumers can make an informed decision about what they are choosing to ingest in their bodies. I believe that genetically altered foods are harmful to both our health and environment and should not be treated so lightly. Please think about our future and our childrens' futures,

Sincerely

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